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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON OBSERVANCE OF CONSULAR CONVENTIONS
IN AND BY U.S.

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPORTATIONS REPORTED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT OUR CONSUL GENERAL MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF DFA TO REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONSULAR CONVENTION. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ARTICLE VII OF PHIL-AMERICAN CONSULAR CONVENTION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS WITHOUT DELAY WHEN NATIONALS DETAINED, LANGUAGE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT IN ARTICLE 36 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS. IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE GOP WILL ASK IF AND HOW COMPLIANCE IS ACHIEVED IN THE U.S. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY TO KNOW WHAT SYSTEM IS USED IN THE U.S. TO ASSURE THAT STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS NOTIFY PHILIPPINE (AND OTHER FOREIGN) CONSULS WHEN ONE OF THEIR NATIONALS IS ARRESTED AND TO ASSURE THAT ACCESS IS GRANTED WHEN REQUESTED. FOR EXAMPLE, WERE THE SECRETARIES OF STATE OF ALL OUR STATES CIRCULARIZED WHEN THE U.. RATIFIED THE VIENNA CONVENTION? ARE LOCAL OFFICIALS REMINDED PERIODICALLY OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS?

2. SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY TO KNOW
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WHAT WAS THE PERFORMANCE, WITH RESPECT TO NOTIFICATION AND

ACCESS, OF THE MICHIGAN STATE (OR FBI?) AUTHORITIES, IN THE
CASE OF THE TWO FILIPINO NURSES, LEONORA PEREZ AND FILIPINA
NARCISO, WHO WERE ARRESTED, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANN
ARBOR VETERANS HOSPITAL MURDER CASES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IMMEDIATE CABLE REPLY.
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